



LOS ANGELES COUNTY INFORMATION SYSTEMS COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING of

January 9, 2008

Room 372, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration

Members Present

Dr. Raoul Freeman, Chair
Marilyn Katherman
T. Austin Bordeaux
Alfred Samulon
Jonathan Fuhrman
Tom Ross
William Chen
Arnold Steinberg

Member Not Present

Ying Tung Chen

Guest

County Chief Executive Officer, William Fujioka

Others Present

Rene Melendez, Department of Public Works
Richard Sanchez, Internal Services Department
Gene Franklin Sr., Department of Chief Information Office
Janette Parker, Department of Chief Information Office
Henry Balta, Department of Chief Information Office
Frank Cheng, Department of Chief Information Office
Tom Lang, Department of Chief Information Office
Mike Sylvester, Department of Public Social Services
Kimberly Katsuyama, EDS (Electronic Data Systems)
George Britton, Board of Supervisors, Executive Office

Staff

Janice Davis, Commission Services Staff

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Freeman called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 5, 2007

Dr. Freeman requested that the approval of the Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2007 be continued to the March 3, 2008 Commission meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Freeman introduced George Britton as the new staff person to the Commission and thanked Janice Davis for her service.

The Chair distributed copies of the Integrated Business Automation Plan, Fiscal Year 2007-08 to the Commissioners.

DISCUSSION OF THE ROLE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

Chairman Freeman introduced members of the Commission to County Chief Executive Officer, William Fujioka (CEO). The Chairman stated that he had met for an hour with the CEO, and he now felt that the new County organizational reporting structure should be given an opportunity to work.

Dr. Freeman stated that there were various Information Technology (IT) issues that the Commission wanted to discuss with the CEO and proposed a format so that the Commissioners and the CEO would have a free exchange.

The CEO briefly addressed the Commission on the following topics:

- The new County organizational structure;
- IT and its contribution to County workplace efficiency; and
- The CEO's desire to have the Commission's input on issue relating to IT

Chairman Freeman concurred with the CEO on the importance of IT and further stated that there is much to be gained by the County from IT. The Chair stated that E-Government should be a major thrust for the County and E-Government programs have the potential to increase County operational efficiency and user convenience. He proposed the creation of an Information Technology Investment Bank to fund the E-Government programs.

The CEO responded positively to the Chair's proposal. He agreed that there is an opportunity for savings and cited several examples. He went on to say that timing is an issue and that revenues necessary to support the Investment Bank may be in short supply given the prospect of declining Property Tax Revenue and the pending State budget crisis. Mr. Fujioka said he favors incentives and that some portion of any improvement in efficiency obtained by a Department which translates into quantifiable savings should be reflected in the Department's future budget.

Several Commissioners expressed some lingering concerns to the CEO regarding the Chief Information Officer (CIO) reporting to a Deputy Chief Executive Officer. The CEO stated that the role of the CIO needs to be more clearly defined. He stated that the Commission's input on developing the criteria for the position would be welcomed. He would like the role of the CIO to be mandated and thereby strengthen the authority of the office.

The Chair presented the CEO with information on the E-Government Initiative (Investment Bank) along with information on the Powers of the Chief Information Officer for the Commonwealth of Virginia. The CEO concluded by saying that he would remain in contact with the Commission throughout the selection process for the CIO.

DISCUSSION OF DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS FOR CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

Chairman Freeman outlined to the Commissioners list of qualifications for the CIO and suggested that if Commissioners had suggestions for additional qualifications that they submit them to him and perhaps a more comprehensive list could be developed.

Commissioner Fuhrman stated that he feels the CEO has a new vision of the role and responsibilities of the CIO. He further stated that it may be more useful if the new CIO has more experience in software, hardware, governance and operational experience.

Chairman Freeman stated that with regards to the issue of enforcement, it may be necessary to further mandate the authority of the new CIO.

MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA (TO BE BRIEFLY DISCUSSED AND PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA)

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENT / ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, with a motion made by Commissioner Fuhrman and seconded by Commissioner Ross, the meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.